

**MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA, AND SOUTH ASIA
(681 / XX21P)**

Requirements in the 681 curriculum vary depending upon whether a student concentrates on the Middle East or Sub-Saharan Africa. Students concentrating on South Asia should consult the Academic Associate for assistance in devising an appropriate course of study.

Disciplinary Core

NS 3000, War in the Modern World
NS 3023, Introduction to Comparative Politics
NS 3024, Introduction to International Relations
NS 3040, The Politics of Global Economic Relations; or NS 3041, Comparative Economic Systems.
NS 2011, Policy Analysis and Research Methods

Curricular Core

Middle East specialists

NS 3300—Islam
NS 3310—History of Modernizing Middle East, 1800-1958
NS 3320—U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East
NS 3330—Contemporary Politics in the Middle East
NS 4255—Naval History and Maritime Strategy (required for USN, otherwise elective)

Africa specialists

NS 3301—History and Cultures of Sub-Saharan Africa
NS 3311—Government and Politics in Sub-Saharan Africa
NS 4301—Seminar on African Political Economy
NS 4321—U.S. Policy Toward Africa
NS 4255—Naval History and Maritime Strategy (required for USN, otherwise elective)

South Asia specialists

NS 3368—Politics and Security in South Asia
NS 4664—Religious Activism in South Asia
(NOTE: AY05: Substitute NS 4230 – Islamic Fundamentalism)
NS 4667—Seminar on Political Development in South Asia
NS 4668—Seminar on Security in South Asia
NS 4255—Naval History and Maritime Strategy (required for USN, otherwise elective)

Curricular Electives

(Please note: electives change frequently, and this may not be a comprehensive list. Academic Associates and Regional Coordinators may approve as regional electives classes that are not on the list below.)

Middle East specialization

Four of the following, of which at least two must be at the 4000-level.

NS 3340—International and Regional Economy of the Middle East
NS 3360—Politics and Security in North Africa
NS 3361—Politics and Security in the Levant
NS 3362—Politics and Security in the Persian Gulf
NS 3363—Politics and Security in the Northern Tier
NS 3365—Government and Politics in the GCC States
NS 4020-29—Special Topics (region-specific titles)
NS 4300—Social Mobilization and Conflict in the Middle East
NS 4305—Military, Polity, and Society in the Middle East
NS 4310—Seminar in Middle East Security
NS 4315—U.S. Policy and the Islamic Republic of Iran
NS 4320—Islamic Fundamentalism
NS 4325—War in the Middle East
NS 4328—Government and Security in the Horn of Africa
NS 4332—Ethnicity and Ethnic Conflict in the Developing World
NS 4361—Politics and Government in Egypt and Turkey
NS 4369—Seminar on Politics and Security in Israel
SO 4830—Low-Intensity Conflict: Middle East

Africa specialization (12 month program)

Four of the following, two of which must be at the 4000 level.

NS 3351—Anthropology of Africa
NS 3361—Politics and Security in North Africa
NS 4311—Contemporary Issues in African Politics
NS 4327—Southern African Politics
NS 4328—Government and Security in the Horn of Africa
NS 4332—Ethnicity and Ethnic Conflict in the Developing World
NS 4313—Government and Security in West Africa
SO 4820—Low Intensity Conflict: Africa

South Asia specialization

Students must complete four of the following courses, of which at least two must be at the 4000 level:

NS 3300—Islam
NS 3363—Politics and Security in the Northern Tier
NS 3635—Asian Civil-Military Relations

NS 3640—*Asian Human Rights*
NS 3667—Chinese Foreign Policy
NS 4020-29—Special Topics (region-specific)
 NS 4020—Seminar on the Chinese PLA
NS 4320—Islamic Fundamentalism
NS 4332—Ethnicity and Ethnic Conflict in the Developing
 World
NS 4640—Seminar on Wars in Asia
NS 4660—Seminar on Asia in World Affairs
NS 4663 – Politics and Security in Afghanistan, Pakistan and
 Iran
NS 4667—Seminar on Political Development in South Asia
NS 4669 – Seminar on US Policy Towards South Asia
NS 4690—Seminar on International Security Issues of Asia

General Electives

General electives may be selected from among all courses in the Department of National Security Affairs; or, with permission of the Academic Associate, from such courses in other Departments and Groups. The number of general electives available to a student varies with service affiliation, length of stay, and other factors. The accompanying matrices illustrate the range of possibilities.

Regional Studies: Middle East

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6 Quarter Matrix

(Winter)	(Spring)	(Summer)	(Fall)	(Winter)	(Spring)
NS 3000 War in the Modern World	NS 3024 Introduction to International Relations	NS 3040 or 3041 Economics Core	Strategic Studies Elective	NS 0810 Thesis Research	NS 0810 Thesis Research
NS 3023 Introduction to Comparative Politics	NS 3320 US Foreign Policy in the Middle East	NS 3330 Contemporary Politics in the Middle East	NS 3300 Islam	NS 3xxx or NS 4xxx Curricular Elective	NS 0810 Thesis Research
NS 3310 History of the Modernizing Middle East, 1800—1958	NS 3xxx or NS 4xxx Curricular Elective	NS 3xxx or NS 4xxx Curricular Elective	NS 3xxx or NS 4xxx Curricular Elective	NS General or Curricular Elective	NS General or Curricular Elective
NS General Elective or JPME (USN)	NS General Elective or JPME (USN)	NS General Elective or JPME (USN)	NS General Elective or JPME (USN)	NS General or Curricular Elective	NS General or Curricular Elective
NS 2011 Policy Analysis & Research Methods		NS 4080 Research Colloquium			

Overall program must include 16 hours of work at the 4000-level

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4 Quarter Matrix

(Winter)	(Spring)	(Summer)	(Fall)
NS 3000 War in the Modern World	NS 3040 or 3041 Economics Core	NS General Elective	NS 0811 Comp Examination
NS 3023 Introduction to Comparative Politics	NS 3024 Introduction to International Relations	NS General Elective	NS General Elective
NS 3310 Historical Survey of the Middle East, 1800- 1958	NS 3320 US Foreign Policy in the Middle East	NS 3330 Contemporary Politics in the Middle East	NS 3300 Islam
NS 3xxx or NS 4xxx Curricular Elective	NS 3xxx or NS 4xxx Curricular Elective	NS 3xxx or NS 4xxx Curricular Elective	NS 3xxx or NS 4xxx Curricular Elective
NS 2011 Policy Analysis & Research Methods			

Overall program must include 16 hours of work at the 4000-level and language instruction as determined by sponsor.

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(Fall)	(Winter)	(Spring)	(Summer)
NS 3000 War in the Modern World	NS 3040 or 3041 Economics Core	NS General Elective	NS 0811 Comp Examination
NS 3023 Introduction to Comparative Politics	NS 3024 Introduction to International Relations	NS General Elective	NS General Elective
NS 3xxx or NS 4xxx Curricular or General Elective	NS 3311 Government and Politics in Sub-Saharan Africa	NS 43211 Seminar in US Policy Towards Africa	NS 3301 History and Cultures of Sub-Saharan Africa
NS 3xxx or NS 4xxx Curricular Elective	NS 4301 Seminar on African Political Economy	NS 3xxx or NS 4xxx Curricular Elective	NS 3xxx or NS 4xxx Curricular Elective
NS 2011 Policy Analysis & Research Methods			

Overall program must include 16 hours of work at the 4000-level and language instruction as determined by sponsor.